

CHAPTER 68

DEER HUNTING — USE OF RIFLES — STRAIGHT WALL CARTRIDGE RIFLES

H.F. 475

AN ACT relating to the use of a straight wall cartridge rifle to hunt deer and including penalties.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 481A.48, Code 2017, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) allowing the use of straight wall cartridge rifles to hunt deer as follows:

a. A straight wall cartridge rifle may be used to hunt deer during youth and disabled deer hunting season and first and second shotgun deer hunting seasons by a person who has a valid deer hunting license and is otherwise qualified to hunt.

b. A straight wall cartridge rifle that is allowed pursuant to [this subsection](#) shall be of the same caliber and use the same straight wall ammunition as is allowed for use in a pistol or revolver for hunting deer as provided in [subsection 5](#). In addition, the commission shall provide, by rule, for the use of straight wall ammunition under [this subsection](#) that meets ballistics specifications similar to the requirements for straight wall ammunition allowed for use in a pistol or revolver for hunting deer as provided in [subsection 5](#).

c. A person possessing a prohibited rifle while hunting deer commits a scheduled violation under [section 805.8B](#), [subsection 3](#), paragraph “h”, subparagraph (6). In addition, the hunting privileges of a person convicted of possessing a prohibited rifle while hunting deer shall be suspended for two years.

Sec. 2. Section 805.8B, subsection 3, paragraph h, Code 2017, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (6) Possession of a prohibited rifle while hunting deer, the scheduled fine is two hundred fifty dollars.

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